

give them partial payment for their stay in a nursing home, it is going to cost the counties that much more money. We are trying our best to let those people that have paid taxes now for 50, 60 years...I have lived in my home now for 45 years. By the time I am through it will probably be 50, 60 years that I will pay taxes on that particular home. I want to say here that I will never receive a homestead exemption. Senator...mentioned the fact that there are people that have additional income other than their Social Security. That may be true, but when you pay taxes for 50, 60 years on a home, then you should be given a break only, only, and I stress that, if you are low income. Now, they are...they have an easy way of checking that because if they file a federal and state income tax return, the Department of Revenue just politely goes and checks whether or not they filed a return. Many, many of them are denied because they go a few dollars over the income limit. Now, I believe that income limitation is something essential. We did put all categories under the income limitation a couple years ago because I felt it was right. I don't think that anyone that receives income from stocks, bonds, whatever, that are taxable to both federal and state should have to pay...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...should have to pay property tax. It is a small thing that we do for the elderly. It is a small thing that we do for the physically handicapped that are unable to work. And it's a very small thing that we do for the veterans that have service-connected disabilities. We certainly cannot take that away from them and say that we should use that money to pay off the purses at Ak-Sar-Ben or to give tax breaks to big business or small business in LB 270 and say that the elderly should pay for that. I urge you to adopt this amendment and then go on with the bill. I know that Senator Hall and I do have a kill motion on LB 288 and if we are not successful on General File, we will try it again on Select. So the elderly, the veterans and the disabled are counting on your as your...as their representative to vote for this amendment. And, as I said, I have talked to Don Leuenberger and Hans in the Governor's office and they agreed with me that it is a bad portion of LB 288 and they are not opposing this portion of LB 288. I ask the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the amendment offered by Senators Labedz and Hall. Senator Ashford, would you care to discuss the amendment? Senator Ashford. Senator Lynch,